

## Committee Meetings

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2010

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2010: Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies; and Financial Services and General Government.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order the following amendments: (1) the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution; (2) the amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules; (3) not to exceed one of the amendments printed in part C of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Campbell of California or his designee; (4) not to exceed three of the amendments printed in part D of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee; and (5) not to exceed one of the amendments printed in part E of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Hensarling of Texas or his designee. The rule provides that each such amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule also provides that the amendments printed in part B through E of the report may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading.

The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the ques-

tion. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that after consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 2997, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule XVIII and clauses 8 and 9 of rule XX. Testimony was heard by Representatives DeLauro, Welch (VT), Courtney, Kingston, and Jordan.

### ENHANCING SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 2965, the Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act of 2009, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the proponent of any such amendment may modify its amendatory instructions. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses